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## JAPAN.

## YOKOHAMA—Typhoid Fever in Tokyo—Inspection of Vessels.

Surgeon Irwin reports, May 9:

The epidemic of typhoid fever in Tokyo (population, 1,155,300), has assumed alarming proportions, the gradual increase year by year not having attracted much attention until the recent outbreak of a great number of cases. In 1905 there were 1,707 cases; in 1906, 1,966 cases; in 1907, 1,842 cases. In 1908 there was a decrease, only 1,783 cases being reported, but in the following year there were 2,225 cases. In the present year there were 903 cases reported between January 1 and April 20, and in the period from April 1 to 20 there were 318 cases reported in the city and 364 in the suburban districts. At the present time about 30 cases are reported daily. The hospitals are crowded and many cases are being treated in private houses. The cause of the epidemic is believed to be imperfect drainage and contamination of water supply.

Rinderpest is accountable for a heavy mortality among cattle in Kanagawa prefecture. The latest official statistics show that since March 12, 448 animals have been slaughtered.

*Inspection of vessels.*—Week ended May 7. Bills of health issued as follows: Steamships *Oceano* and *Titan* for Manila, *Keemun* and *Seattle Maru* for Tacoma, and *Tenyo Maru* for San Francisco. These vessels carried an aggregate of 595 in crews and 282 cabin and 890 steerage passengers.

## KOBE—Inspection of Vessels—Plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, May 4:

Week ended April 30. Supplemental bills of health granted to 5 steamships. Members of crews inspected, 798; steerage passengers inspected, 1,354. Steerage passengers bathed, 440; effects disinfected. Pieces of baggage steamed, 1,219; bedding, 880. Manifests viséed for 60,994 pieces of freight amounting to 5,321 tons. Twenty-two cases of human hair and 18 cases of household effects were disinfected with formalin. Emigrants were inspected and passed as follows: Per steamship *Mongolia* for Honolulu, 280, Russians 253, Japanese 27; vaccinated. Per steamship *Seattle Maru* for Tacoma, 18. Per steamship *Tenyo Maru* for Honolulu, 135, Russians 105, Japanese 30; vaccinated; for San Francisco, 7 Japanese. All the emigrants were 7 days in quarantine detention at Ono before embarkation.

The official returns for infectious diseases show for the week 1 case of plague.

## MEXICO.

## Report from the Superior Board of Health of Mexico.

In compliance with articles 1 and 2 of the International Sanitary Convention held at Washington October 9-14, 1905, the president of the Superior Board of Health of Mexico reports, May 23 and 30, that no case of yellow fever and no death from the said disease were registered in the Mexican Republic during the weeks ended May 21 and 28, and that the prophylactic measures reported under date of September 28, 1908, continue to be carried out.